UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency Washington, DC 20250 **Notice CM-459**

For: State and County Offices

Dividing Tracts and Peanut Base

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

The National Office has received a number of questions about dividing tracts for FY 2003 and:

- adding peanut base acres to a resulting tract
- retaining peanut base acres on a resulting tract.

B Purpose

This notice provides policy for handling FY 2003 tract divisions before and after peanut base acres have been added to the parent tract.

2 Peanuts Have Not Been Added to the Parent Tract

A Complete Manual CCC-532

If peanuts have **not** been added to the tract and a tract division has been requested, complete a manual CCC-532 leaving item 9, receiving tract number, blank. Include remarks on CCC-532:

- that the tract number will be assigned based on FSA-155
- that the tract number will be added to CCC-532 after the tract division is completed
- with the legal or parcel description of the receiving tract.

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2 Peanuts Have Not Been Added to the Parent Tract (Continued)

A Complete Manual CCC-532 (Continued)

Photocopy the map reflecting area receiving designated peanut acreage. Mark the area and write acreage on the map where peanut acreage will be designated and have the historic peanut producer sign and date. Attach the map to CCC-532.

The data from the manual CCC-532 shall be entered in the automated system after the tract division is completed.

B Dividing Tract

When tract division software is received in the County Office:

- complete the tract division as requested on FSA-155
- add resulting tract number to CCC-532
- add peanuts to the resulting tract according to 3-CM (Rev. 3), paragraph 246.

3 Peanuts Have Been Added to the Parent Tract

A MOU Provided

If peanuts have been added to the parent tract and MOU was provided by the buyer and seller of the parcel or FSA-155, item 8, was completed and signed by the buyer and seller, divide the peanuts per the agreed designation.

B MOU Not Provided

If peanuts have been added to the parent tract and MOU was **not** provided by the buyer and seller of the parcel and FSA-155, item 8, was not completed and signed by the buyer and seller designating how the peanuts are to be divided, divide the peanuts using the default method. The default method is the ratio of DCP cropland to each resulting tract as it relates to the parent tract DCP cropland.

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